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EXAMINING GROUP 1743**

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

T. William Hutchens *et al.*

Application No.: 10/728,442

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
DESORPTION AND IONIZATION OF  
ANALYTES

Customer No.: 53671

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2005, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.